GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:204
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2002
CHANGES IN MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS ORDER
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranks first in the production of milk by producing more than 8 crore tonnes of milk in the world;

(b) if so, whether due to change in Milk and Milk Products Order (M&MPO), imported milk and milk products have adversely affected the indigenous production endangering the existence of the milk cooperatives and the livelihood of the milk producers;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government`s directive to procure milk from cooperatives also stands cancelled as a result thereof;

(d) whether uncontrolled import of six categories of milk products by the multi-nationals of Denmark, New Zealand, Australia and America will jeopardise the production of milk in the country; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to save the interests of domestic cooperatives and milk producers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OFOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 204 TO E ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2002.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The amendments in Milk and Milk Product Order (MMPO), 1992 has nothing to do with imports of milk and milk products. MMPO, primarily stipulates food safety.

(d)&(e): The import of categories of milk and milk products falling under chapter 4 of ITC (HS) classification is regulated by the Livestock Importation Act 1898. The Government have taken adequate steps to protect the interests of milk producers of the country. These are as follows:

(i) Bound Rate on import of skimmed milk powder and whole milk powder has been increased from 0% to 60% with an annual Tariff Rate Quota of 10,000 MT on a global basis at 15% duty.

(ii) The Government has increased the custom duty on butter oil from 30% to 40%.

(iii) Import of livestock products including milk products is now allowed against sanitary permit only.